

# **FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

## **HB 3267 – SB 3554**

April 1, 2008

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015288):** Authorizes anyone licensed by the Board of Professional Counselors to obtain a certification in Art Therapy after meeting certain requirements.

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – The Board of Professional Counselors will hold an additional meeting in FY09 at a total cost of \$2,200 for travel reimbursements, per diem, and a court reporter. These one-time expenditures can be funded from existing resources of the Board without the collection of additional revenue.

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

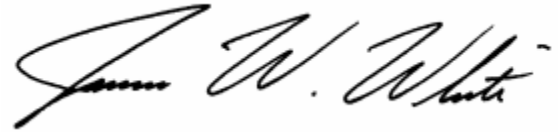
**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Currently, individuals who are licensed as professional counselors are authorized to practice art therapy. It is unknown how many individuals will apply for certification as an art therapist, but is estimated to be not significant.
- Certification fees will be set at an amount necessary to cover any increase in expenditures incurred by the Board as a result of the application process.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-3-1011 and 63-1-137, all-health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period.
- As of June 30, 2007, the Board of Professional Counselors was operating under a cumulative budget surplus of \$261,582.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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